

Whereas, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to acknowledge the professional achievements of an outstanding Missouri educator; and

Whereas, Karen Giesler of Kirkwood, Missouri, will be honored for achieving National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards during a recognition ceremony to be held on February 19, 2008, in the Missouri State Capitol Rotunda; and

Whereas, to achieve National Board Certification, Karen Giesler volunteered to participate in a lengthy and rigorous assessment which can take up to three years to complete; and

Whereas, to attain National Board Certification, Karen Giesler presented evidence of her teaching effectiveness, including classroom video segments and analysis of teacher decisions and student work; examples of teaching practices which result in an accompanying increase in student learning; models of meaningful interaction with parents to impact student learning; documents supporting such appropriate teaching strategies as large and small group learning, use of effective questioning techniques, choice of materials that engage students, checking for understanding throughout the lesson and making adjustments, and properly evaluating student work for understanding to determine what and how to reteach; and timed assessments to prove superior levels of content knowledge; and

Whereas, part of the evaluative process which Karen Giesler underwent to earn National Board Certification included appraisal by a jury of qualified experts in states other than Missouri; and

Whereas, Karen Giesler, a teacher in the Rockwood R-VI School District, has also enjoyed recognition by earning certifications in elementary education, reading specialist, elementary administration, and gifted education; serving as a guest lecturer and adjunct professor at Webster University; and being a member of the National Association for Gifted Children, the National Science Teachers Association, and the St. Louis Optical Society; and

Whereas, Karen Giesler has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Drew Giesler; and two children, Leslie and Andy:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Karen Giesler at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing her only the very best of success in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Karen Giesler, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Rick Stream
District No. 94

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 671, adopted February 18, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker